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Funding For Natural Resource Projects Available

The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) announced today that it is soliciting project proposals for financial support under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, reauthorized in 2008.

Approximately \$200,000 is available for project funding. Projects nominated must be in Fresno County and have broad based support in the following areas: road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration; soil productivity improvements; improvements in forest ecosystem health; watershed restoration and maintenance; wildlife and fish habitat improvements; control of noxious and exotic weeds; reintroduction of native species, and hazardous fuels reduction. Projects can be on public or private land within Fresno County. Projects on private lands must have clear benefit to the public land resource.

To nominate a project to the Fresno County RAC, please visit the Sierra National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects/rural-schools/fresno-county/index.shtml. On the website you will find the necessary forms to submit a project proposal. Project proposals will be accepted until March 31, 2009. Applicants are welcome to provide an overview of their proposal to the Fresno County RAC members on one of the following dates:

Meeting Date	Location	Time
March 11th	Sierra National Forest Headquarters 1600 Tollhouse Road Clovis, CA 93611	6:00 pm
March 31st	High Sierra Ranger Station 29688 Auberry Road Prather, CA 93651	6:00 pm

Please contact Robbin Ekman at 559.855.5355 ext 3341 or at rekman@fs.fed.us if you would like to make a presentation on your proposed project or if you need further information.

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